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(54) **Publish & subscribe data processing apparatus, method and computer program product with use of a stream to distribute administrative and configuration information**

(57) A publish/subscribe data processing broker apparatus has: a means for receiving from a publisher application data messages published on a subject-specific stream by the publisher application; and a means for distributing the received published data messages to a subscriber application which has requested to receive messages on the stream upon which the published messages were published; where one of the streams is reserved for administrative messages describing configuration changes to the broker apparatus.

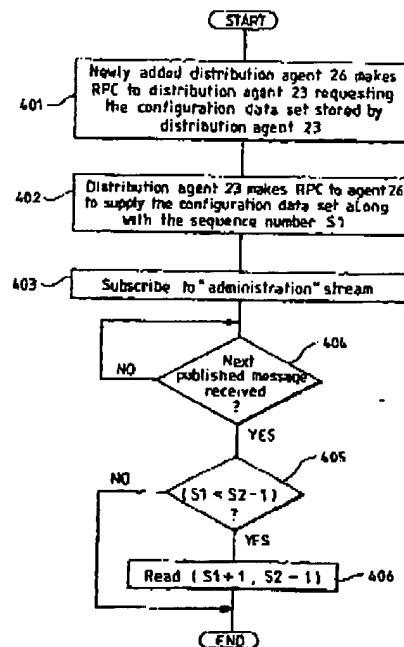


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